

modernisation schemes, subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down.

[English]

Insurgency in N. E. region

527. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Insurgency in North-East; Islamic militancy may eclipse all movement" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', dated February 2, 1997; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to bring normalcy in the Region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item refers, inter alia, to assistance extended by some neighbouring countries and the Pak ISI to the North-East insurgent groups. Several steps have been taken to bring normalcy in the Region which include taking up of our security concerns with the neighbouring countries, monitoring, review and streamlining the counter-insurgency operations within the insurgency affected North-Eastern States. An Indo-Bangladesh Joint Working Group has been set up for resolution of security related issues of mutual concern. Similarly, there are arrangements for consultation with Myanmar and Thailand. Information also continues to be shared with Bhutan.

Seizure of RDX and Explosives

528. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have seized explosives, detonators and RDX in Delhi in January, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their originating point;

(c) the quantity of RDX seized in Delhi during 1996;

(d) whether foreign disruptive agencies have set up their centres in Delhi;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to curb their activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, 10 Kgs. RDX, 4 Timer pencils, 10 detonators, 4 switch fuses and one Primer explosive were seized by Delhi Police on the 13th January, 1997 from a private premises in South Delhi; four persons were arrested. The

accused persons allegedly had a plan to cause explosions at various places in Delhi on the occasion of Republic Day, 1997. The originating point could not be ascertained so far inspite of best efforts. In another incident, 4.485 kgs. of RDX, 2 Timer pencils and 2 detonators were seized on the 21st January, 1997 from an area falling within the jurisdiction of Karol Bagh Police Station; three persons were arrested.

(c) During 1996, 12.045 kgs. of RDX was seized in Delhi.

(d) No such organised Centre operating from Delhi has come to the notice of the Delhi Police.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Security of V.I.Ps

529. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Khatre Mein aati Vishisht Logon Ki Suraksha Vyavastha" appearing in 'Rashtriya Sahara', dated February 2, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any remedial steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Government has not come across any such news-item in the 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated 02.2.1997 (New Delhi edition).

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

[English]

Security of Gujarat Border

530. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Border Security Force is entrusted with the task of protection of Border areas adjoining Pakistan in Gujarat;

(b) whether the use of camels by the BSF personnel is an essential element for the Surveillance of the border in Gujarat;